

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FORECAST OF CEREAL AND HAY HARVEST. Bulletin No. 24 of 1927.

I. ACREAGE CULTIVATED.

Grand Totals - Based on returns received direct from farmers the areas sown for Cereals in the State of South Australia are estimated to have been:-
 WHEAT 3,166,000 acres, increase 105,000 acres. BARLEY 231,000 acres, decrease 38,000 acres. OATS 478,000 acres, increase 29,000 acres.
 Grand Total 3,875,000 acres. ANALYSIS OF WHEAT PRODUCTION, SEASON 1926-27. 54,000 acres. The expectation from this increased tillage, however, were heavily discounted as a result of low seasonal rains as will be seen by the next paragraph.

II. RAINFALL.

Production registered	No. of Farms	Area of Crop	Production
per acre	of the State	Total Acres	Total Bush.
character of the season	of the State	Progn. Aver. Size.	Progn. of Whole
the acre was 13.29 inches	of the State	of less than 1926	4.46 inches
less than the average.		Whole.	Whole

III. ESTIMATED YIELDS.

Under 3 Bushels	35,548	2,230	.87	46.5	3,581	.08
3 and under 6 Bushels	4,173	7,674	2.99	44.6	34,605	.75
6 OATS " 1926-27	1,754	15,274	5.95	39.8	116,631	2.52
9 HAY - " 1926-27	478	25,811	10.06	54.0	274,517	5.93
2 " " 1926-27	611	43,214	16.85	70.7	591,740	12.78
5 " " 1926-27	632	45,493	17.73	72.0	747,499	16.14
8 " " 1926-27	564	43,079	16.79	76.4	848,494	18.33
1 " " 1926-27	650	47,580	18.55	73.2	1,141,551	24.65
7 " " 1926-27	345	17,334	6.76	50.2	527,028	11.38
3 " " 1926-27	135	6,400	2.49	47.4	233,933	5.05
2 " " 1926-27	58	1,605	1.63	37.7	68,206	1.47
5 " " 1926-27	17	560	2.22	32.9	27,122	.59
1 and over	12	274	.11	22.8	15,137	.33
Acres Bushels 1927-28 1926-27 Acres Bushels						
Grand Total	4,106	256,528	100.00	62.5	4,630,044	100.00

Central	488,000	5,475,000	11.22	14.58	185,000	256,000
Lower North	731,000	7,625,000	10.43	16.63	130,000	111,000
Upper North	253,000	1,185,000	4.68	12.24	22,000	15,000
South Eastern	33,000	510,000	15.45	14.44	27,500	31,000
Western	690,000	4,125,000	5.98	8.35	85,000	48,000
Murray Mallee	667,000	1,780,000	2.67	11.18	11,500	48,000
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6th December, 1927	2,700,000	20,700,000	7.23	12.5	568,000	509,000
Actual 1926-7	2,768,403	33,558,711	12.84	-	486,537	585,001
Increase	93,597	14,858,711	- 5.61			
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As there is much difficulty in accurately measuring the extent of failed areas it is possible that the returns of actual reapings may moderately affect the forecast, but, it is not anticipated that the increase or decrease will be substantial.

V. EXPORTABLE SURPLUS.

On a crop of 28,700,000 bushels there would be an exportable surplus of 14,500,000 bushels compared with 29,200,000 bushels exported in the form of wheat and flour last season.

VI. METROPOLITAN PRICES.

The averages per bushels in the first two weeks of December were as follows:- Wheat 5s. 3d. (5s. 4½d.), Barley 4s. 4½d. (3s. 4d.), Oats 3s. 7½d. (2s. 5d.). Hay per ton £4 (£3 2s. 6d.).

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